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11. (SBU) Acting MFA Middle East Director Isabel Pedrosa informed Post that Portugal was unlikely to make any additional financial contributions to Lebanon (beyond the 200,000 euros already donated) for budgetary reasons until the end of the year at which time the government would review the situation. She added that Portuguese Institute for Development Assistance Vice President Manuel Correia represented Portugal at the Stockholm Conference but made no announcement on financial assistance. Pedrosa underscored that Portugal remained committed to assisting Lebanon, noting Portugal's Aug 29 decision to send an Engineering Company to UNIFIL as well as previous in-kind contributions, i.e. C-130 flights delivering tons of supplies in early August.